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Group Art Unit : 1794

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Examiner : Aaron S. Austin

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For : ELECTRODEPOSITED COPPER FOIL WITH CARRIER FOIL ON WHICH
A RESIN LAYER FOR FORMING INSULATING LAYER IS FORMED, COPPER-CLAD
LAMINATE, PRINTED WIRING BOARD, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
MULTILAYER COPPER-CLAD LAMINATE, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
PRINTED WIRING BOARD

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir:

This is in response to the requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and § 372 mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 14, 2009. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period for reply is set in the Office Action to expire on May 14, 2009, this response is being filed by the initial due date for response. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner requires restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-15, allegedly drawn to an electrodeposited laminate.
- II. Claims 16-17, allegedly drawn to methods for producing multilayer copper clad laminates.

ELECTION

In order to be responsive to the requirement for restriction, Applicant elects, with traverse, the invention set forth in **Group I, claims 1-15**, drawn to an electrodeposited laminate.

TRAVERSE

Notwithstanding the aforementioned election, Applicant respectfully traverses the requirement for restriction.

Applicant notes that this application is a national stage application, and therefore under unity of invention practice the Examiner must establish that the claims lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.475.

The Restriction Requirement identifies “a laminate comprising a carrier foil, bonding interface, copper foil, and resin layer” as the special technical feature linking claims 1-17, and asserts that in view of the disclosures of JP2000-43188 and WO 2002/024444 the special technical feature is not a contribution over the cited art.

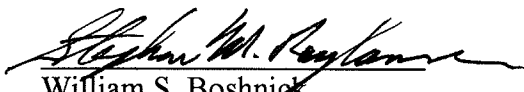
Applicant respectfully submits that the Office will be required to withdraw the Restriction Requirement upon reciting subject matter that is not disclosed in the art. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to rebut any statement that the Office has made relating to the disclosure of the cited art.

Applicant further notes that in the instant situation, the requirement does not refer to PCT Rule 1.475, and does not indicate that the requirement is proper in view of this rule. The requirement is improperly silent with respect to any supporting basis in PCT Rule 1.475. Therefore, the Restriction Requirement is improper for not discussing the various sections of PCT Rule 1.475, and applying these rules to the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the Requirement for Restriction.

If there are any comments or questions, the undersigned may be contacted at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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